



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Meeting**

*Ukrainian Icons: The What, When, Where, & Why* by Olenka Hanushevska Galadza

We were very fortunate that Olenka Hanushevska Galadza accepted our invitation to provide an overview of the background, history and symbolism of the icon and its place in Ukrainian religious tradition. Olenka has studied with several iconographers over the years in Canada, the United States and in Ukraine and has been a researcher and teacher of Byzantine and Ukrainian iconography.



*February speaker - Olenka Hanushevska Galadza*

She provided a brief history of the evolution of icons from Egypt to Constantinople and then to Ukraine. Olenka explained that icons are ‘written’ in a traditional style and are used for various ‘rites of passage’ in the life of an

individual and family such as baptism, marriage, graduation, funerals and related events.

She mentioned that various styles of icons have evolved among eastern Christians including within Ukraine, in particular, the Galician style that were ‘written’ by folk artists. There are also modern icons in the western Christian tradition and she compared the influence of western and eastern art on icons. Olenka explained the uses of symbolism and composition in the icon and the existence of rules and handbooks for iconographers.

She also mentioned that there are numerous publications with information on icons and more information can be found on the internet and in art galleries and libraries. The presentation was followed by a questions and answer period.

As part of the 2020 Capital Ukrainian Festival Olenka offered an online “How to” workshop on Byzantine Iconography. You can view this video on YouTube at the following location: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2dZHK9ixVc>

The next webinar meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be held on April 27, 2021. The topic to be announced.

### 35th Annual Ivan Franko Lecture, University of Ottawa

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies cordially invites you to the lecture to be delivered by Olga Onuch and entitled “*Ukraine: Protest, Migration and Political Opinion in Times of Pandemic.*”

Olga Onuch is an Associate Professor [Senior Lecturer] in Politics at the University of Manchester and is an Associate of the Harvard Ukrainian Institute.

The lecture will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:30 PM. To assist you in attending the event, please click on this link:  
<http://bit.ly/1Franko2021>  
***Postponed until late April  
(more details at a later time)***

### Shevchenko Foundation Grant

We are honoured to have been selected a recipient of the Shevchenko Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund grant. This will support our goal of encouraging UGG-NCR member Family History research “virtually” through our monthly webinars.

We also wish to recognize the very generous and ongoing support of the UGG-NCR membership as well as last year’s financial donation from the Ukrainian Credit Union.

### Other Webinars

#### On YouTube

For those people unable to attend the *Women of Ravensbruck* Webinar on February 28, 2021, it is now available on YouTube at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS9I0E9O1ZI>

### GENE-O-RAMA

Ottawa’s Gene-O-Rama conference will be held virtually for the first time on March 27-29.

Info at: <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/geneorama/>

### Advanced Cyrillic for Genealogists and Historians (March 24)

Nashi Predky offers a webinar on reading Ukrainian-language documents.

More info at this [link](#).

### Nashi Predky Spring Conference (Apr 10)

This year’s conference will be offered virtually. For more information click [here](#).

### Recordings of UGG Webinars

For those who might have missed any of our live webinars, recordings of these presentations are available on our website at this page:

<http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

### UGG-NCR Memberships and Donations

This year we have instituted an e-transfer capability to allow our members to forward us their voluntary annual membership fees (*suggested amount of \$20 per person/couple*) or donations from the comfort of home. We are a not-for-profit organization and use this revenue to defray our operating costs.

The e-transfer procedure is as follows:

- Log onto to your Bank or Credit Union’s online or mobile banking app and select the account your dues/donation are to be paid “from”.
- Choose or Add the **UGG Treasurer** and the email address: **uggncr1@gmail.com**
- Enter the amount (\$20.00 for annual memberships dues or any amount for donation). Note: This is an Autodeposit eTransfer!
- Click “Send”. An email acknowledgement will be sent to you.

If you still wish to pay/donate by cheque or other means, please send us an email at [uggncr1@gmail.com](mailto:uggncr1@gmail.com) .